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In re Application of)
John Roger SAMPSON) Art Unit: 1731
Application No. : 09/582,232) Examiner: C. Lopez
Filed : July 24, 2000)
For : SMOKING ARTICLES)

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed October 9, 2001 in the above-identified patent application, please amend the application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims ~~16-23~~, as presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 24, 25 and 26, as follows:

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24. (New) A method of producing the smoking article of claim 9 including:
providing said tobacco rod having said blend of shredded tobacco and
shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet, with said reconstituted tobacco sheet containing
said activated carbon particles, and